



Seaton Primary School

"Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself"

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy some of the sunshine. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week.

School flood

The school would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for all of your support when the school was flooded. A special thank you to Abbotts DIY Seaton and Bradfords Sidmouth, who were really helpful in providing all the necessary equipment to support our drying out process. They had sourced the relevant equipment and this enabled the drying out to begin as soon as possible.

A very big thank you for this swift response!

Parent Workshops

We hope that you found the Read, Write Inc phonics workshop hosted by Miss Mabin this week informative; we are planning to host a similar style workshop for maths later in the term.

Poppies on Sale

We will continue to have poppies and various other items on sale next week from Monday until Thursday morning, we will be holding a silence on Thursday 11th at 11am as a mark of respect.

Maths Week

Next Week at Seaton Primary is Maths Week! We will kick the week off with a themed Dress Up Day:

Reception/Year 1 & Year 2 - robots (Numbots)

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Rock stars (Times Table Rock Stars)

The children will be completing a number of challenges over the week that will encourage mathematical thinking and discussion. We will finish the week with a Family Homework Challenge with some exciting prizes on offer!

Please keep an eye out for a Parentmail with further details next week.

Parents evening

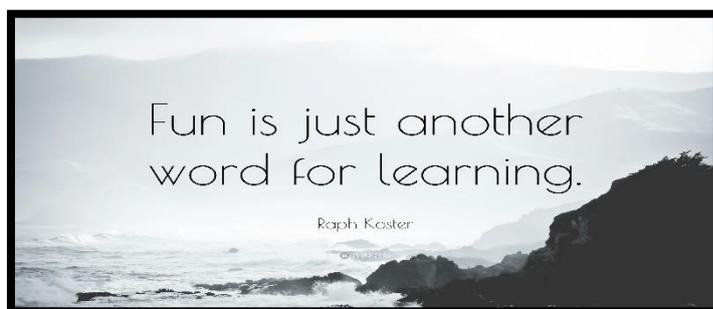
Parents evening will be held on Zoom this term and will go live for you to book your slot from **Monday 8th** , **closing on Thursday 11th November.**

Full details regarding the running of parents evening on Zoom will be sent out in a separate parentmail shortly.

In order for you to be able to view your child's work, we will be having an open classroom on **Thursday 2nd December.**

Further information regarding this will also be sent out via Parentmail.





Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning how to write lists. We wrote shopping lists for our Halloween party, ingredients for potions and practiced using our phonics to write initial sounds in words. We made a potion and cast a spell to decorate the classroom overnight and have all turned up today looking wonderfully spooky! We decorated Halloween cakes for our party, had party games such as musical statues and watched Room on the Broom. We have had a fantastic week! Thank you to all those at home for your help with costumes and for your fabulous pumpkins!

Key Stage one

Key Stage One children were very excited to come back to school this week and find they all had an exciting new book corner in their classrooms. The children have been enjoying spending time reading and looking at the new books whilst relaxing on the sofa!

In English, we have started to learn a new story called Traction Man. We have learnt lots of actions to help us retell the story. We have also been doing lots of bonfire/fireworks activities and have learnt about Guy Fawkes. What a busy first week back!

Year 3

It has been a great first week back at school. We have been learning our new text 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon' in English and have been using role play and story mapping to help us with this.

In Science we have started to explore our new unit 'Forces and Magnets'. We have been looking at the friction of different surfaces and have measured the level of force needed to pull objects along them.

Today has been an exciting end to the week. We have had a DT day (design and technology). We have designed, made and evaluated our own boxes to hold a special rock or fossil that we have brought in from home. We created nets of cubes and cuboids and assembled the boxes to hold our items.

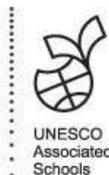
Year 4

Year 4 have been able to make the most of the crisp, dry weather this week and enjoyed some End Ball in PE. In forest school, the children had fun making dens amongst other things with Mr Holland.

We will be continuing our Roman topic for a couple more weeks and linked to this the children wrote some detailed instructions on how to prepare for battle and dress like a Roman legionnaire. In maths we have had lots of success in adding two 4-digit numbers and have been getting to grips with bar modelling, with examples from White Rose Barvember each morning. We have also had the opportunity to use the laptops for some dedicated TTRS practice this week. A new battle has been set up in readiness for maths focus week so keep practising!

Year 5

We have had another busy week settling back after half term. In English, the children have finished their advice letter (a copy of which will be sent home for you to enjoy in the near future) and introduced our new book 'Journey', which they thoroughly enjoyed. We have also been finishing off our maths, exploring ways to check addition and subtraction mistakes and mental strategies. We have introduced our new Geography topic exploring Brazil, and saw fantastic group research skills. Today, the children had their first swimming lesson, making the most of our excellent facilities; it was great to see them back in the water and having fun! Thank you for your continued support with home learning. We try to get the relevant information on Google Classroom promptly, but in instances that you are unsure what to do, daily reading, TTRS practice and Spelling Shed games are excellent activities to support your child's learning.



Year 6

We have had a great start to Autumn 2 in year 6. We have been working hard to master Long Division in maths as well as exploring bar models for 'Barvember' In English we have begun to explore our new text 'Jungle Survival Handbook' which we will be innovating to create a 'Mountain Survival Handbook' linked to last Term's Geography topic of Mountain Environments. We have an exciting 'Everest Day' planned for next week as a stimulus for this writing unit. In Science we have started our new topic of Living Things. We learnt that all living things can be classified into three broad groups: plants, animals and microorganisms. Our topic focus started with the plant kingdom and we went to the woods to identify and classify different species of trees. The year 6's have also been working hard to develop their swimming strokes during swimming lessons this week.



Q: I want to help my child make progress, what can I do at home?

A: Read to them!

One of the most important things you can do as parent to support your child's progress in school is to read to or with them. You can read stories, magazines, biographies, nonfiction texts, recipe books and comics.

Did you know?

If you read together with your child for 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, you get more than 121 hours of bonding time with your children every year. It not only allows parent and child to develop life long bonds but also helps your child feel close to you, and the feelings of love and attention encourage positive growth and development.

Through reading children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience. Children experience these new situations through books before they encounter them in real life.

Reading exposes children to increased vocabulary and advanced speech patterns, It also helps children to absorb information on how to form sentences and how to use words and effectively in their writing and speaking helping them develop better communication skills.

Story time helps reward children for focusing. Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading helping them develop longer attention spans

By cuddling together with a book your child learns that Reading is FUN and that they are the most important thing in your life.

What difference will 20 minutes a day make?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

Numbots (Key Stage 1) and Times Table Rockstars (Key Stage 2)



Please encourage your children to log in and play Times Table Rockstars and Numbots to support the development of their number fluency. The school pays a subscription so that all children can log in and access these platforms. Has your child logged in to play this week yet?

Spelling Shed

Help your child succeed at spelling shed by using spelling shed! Spelling Shed is a useful online resource that ensures children are engaged and eager to practise their spellings regularly. The games can be played at home and in school. We encourage all children to login frequently at home to access the spelling assignments set by their class teachers. This is a really fun way to learn and access age-appropriate spellings.

You can find the login page at: www.edshed.com

Music Lessons

Music teacher- Louise Elliott is now offering flute lessons and has a spare flute that she is happy for your child to come along and try before signing up to lessons. If your child would be interested in learning the flute, please contact Louise on – 07400 159 032 or email – elliott@hotmail.co.uk



School meals

If your child is in Year 3, please remember that you will now need to pay for any school lunches they may have, meals are **£2.50** each and need to be paid for using the parentmail system.

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please follow this link to apply online at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f CCSCitizenPortal_live

Children in Year F, 1 and 2 do not have to pay for their lunch, as it is part of the provision provided by a government initiative.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th November -TTRS dress up day

Wednesday 10th November-Year 6 Everest day

W/C 15th November- Parents evening

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December - Foundation and KS1 Performance

Wednesday 8th December – School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Service

Have a restful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey

Acting Headteacher

